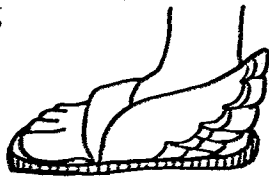


Gods and Goddesses

GODS

MERCURY—messenger of the gods and the god of commerce, science and protector of travelers. Mercury was portrayed as a crafty, handsome young man wearing winged sandals, hat and carrying a winged staff.



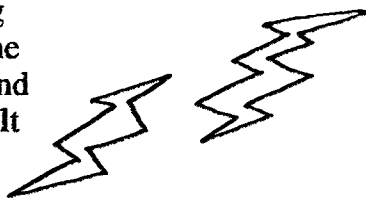
MARS—the god of war and father of Romulus and Remus, the legendary founders of Rome. He is portrayed as wearing armor and a crested helmet. The wolf and the woodpecker are associated with Mars.



CUPID—the god of love is portrayed as a chubby infant with wings and holding a bow and arrow. A person shot with one of Cupid's arrows supposedly fell in love.



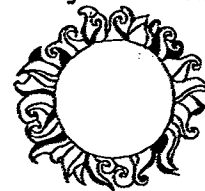
JUPITER—king of the gods and ruler of the universe. He was the father of Vulcan and Mars, among others. He was the god of weather and used a thunderbolt as a weapon.



NEPTUNE—god of the sea. He could cause or prevent storms at sea. He was also the god of earthquakes and horses. Neptune was often shown carrying a trident (three-headed spear) or riding on a chariot pulled by sea horses and accompanied by dolphins.



APOLLO—the god of light and the sun. He wrote poetry and played the lyre. He also had healing powers and could tell the future. Artists portrayed him as a handsome young man.



VULCAN—the god of fire. He worked as the blacksmith of the gods and was also the god of metalworking.

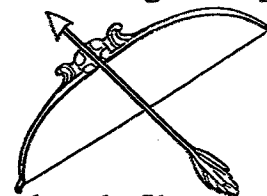


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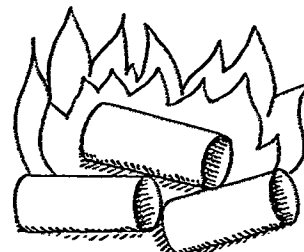
MINERVA—one of the most important goddesses. She was the favorite of Jupiter and was the goddess of war and wisdom. She was depicted as a beautiful woman wearing armor and a helmet and carrying a magic shield. She also represented skill and handicrafts. The owl has traditionally been considered wise because it was Minerva's bird.



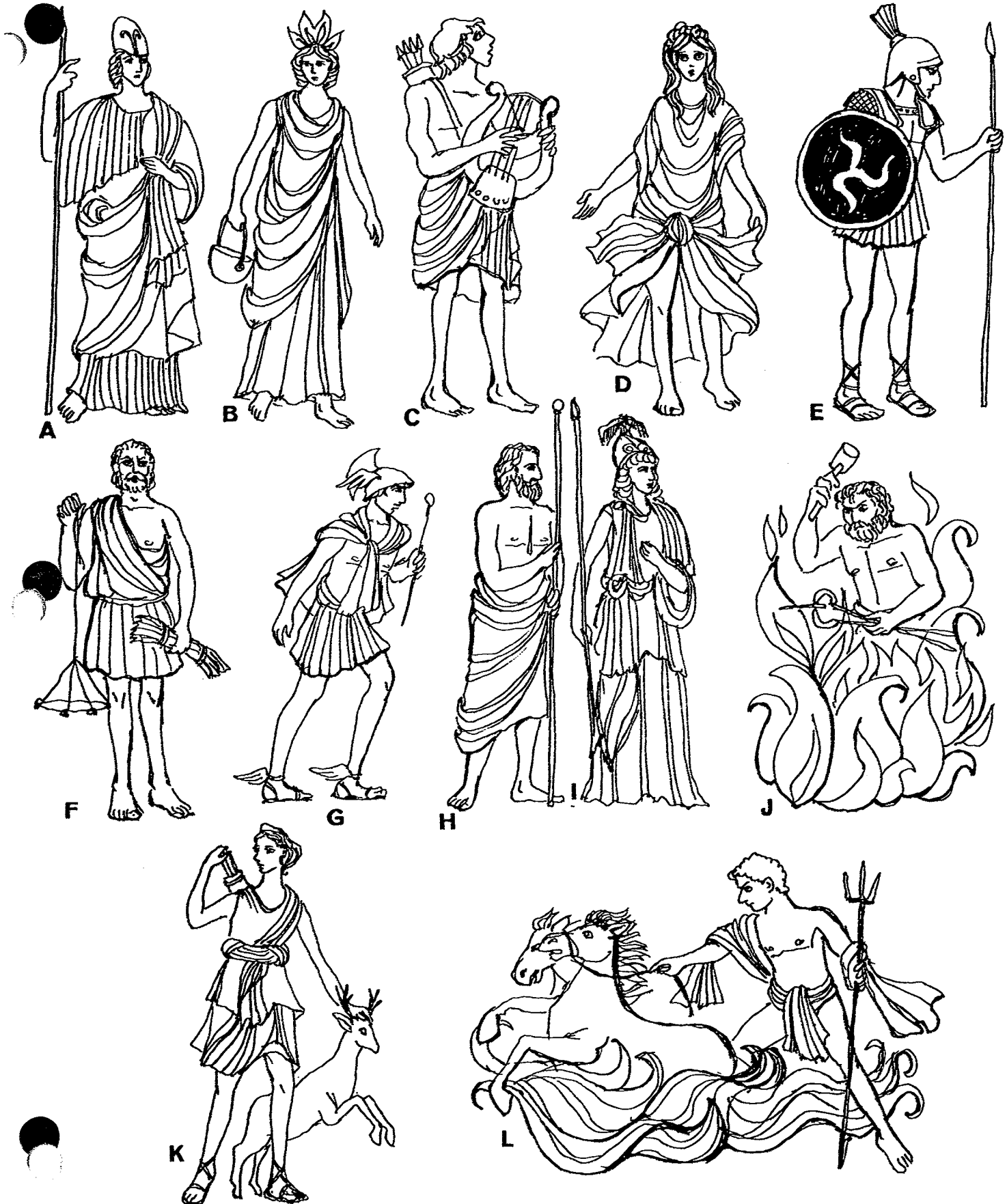
DIANA—goddess of the moon, hunting and all living things, especially young animals. Artists showed her wearing hunting clothes and carrying a bow and quiver of arrows accompanied by hunting dogs.



VESTA—goddess of the hearth. She was worshiped by Roman families as a household deity. She had a round temple dedicated to her in Rome in which a fire was always kept burning.



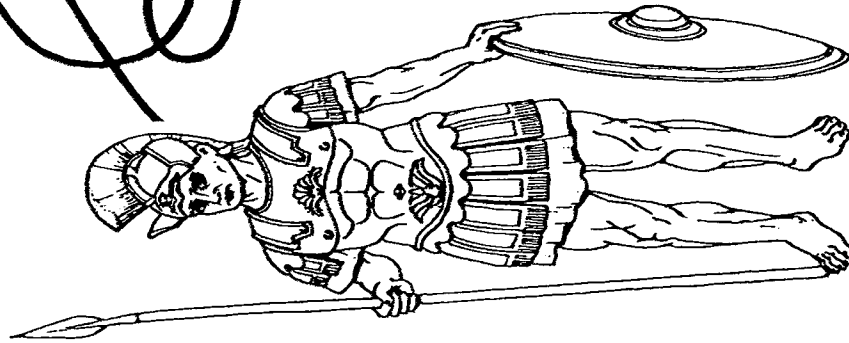
Roman Gods and Goddesses



God and goddesses

We recognise some gods in statues and carvings from the things they wore or had with them. Follow the strings to name five of the most important Roman gods shown here.

Mercury



Worshipped mainly as a god of war, like Mercury he was especially popular in Britain and Gaul

Mars



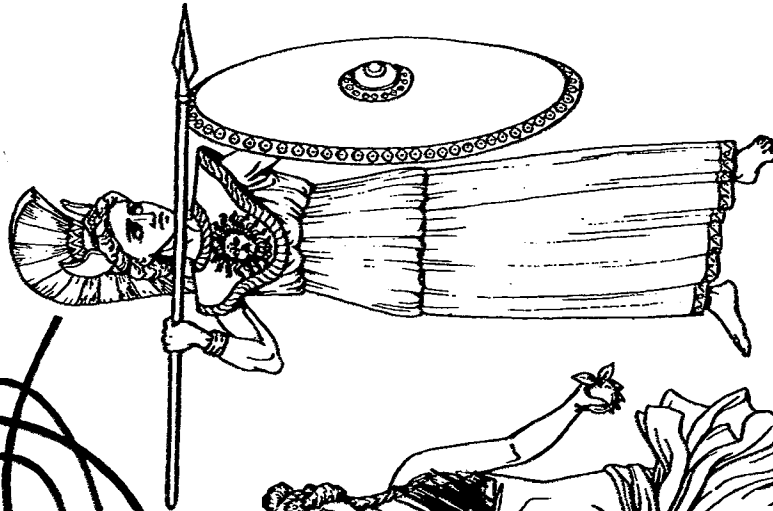
Minerva



Venus



Jupiter



Goddess of war, wisdom and crafts

The goddess of love

The great sky-god, the most important Roman god of all

The messenger of the gods but also a god of trade

Name _____

Match the Planet to the Roman God

Our planets and other celestial bodies were named after Greek and Roman gods. Match the names of seven planets below with the description of the Roman god or goddess. Write the name of the planet on the space before the description. On the lines, tell why you think the planet was named for the god or goddess. What qualities do the planet and the Roman god or goddess have in common?

Jupiter Mars Venus Pluto Neptune Saturn Mercury

- _____ 1. He was the father of Jupiter, Neptune, and Pluto. One of the main Roman festivals, the Saturnalia, was held in his honor every winter. During this festival, masters and their slaves would switch roles and exchange gifts.

- _____ 2. He was the god of the sea and all other waters. He showed his anger by creating storms at sea and was shown carrying a large trident.

- _____ 3. He was the brother of Jupiter and Neptune and lived in the bowels of the Earth. He was known as the god of all the natural riches of Earth and was the god of darkness and death.

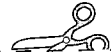
- _____ 4. He was the son of Jupiter and the god of commerce, trade, and communication. He was the messenger of the gods and wore a helmet and winged sandals. He was also the god of luck and protector of merchants and thieves. He was known to travel far and wide very quickly.

- _____ 5. He was considered the lord of the skies and King of the gods. He was married to Juno and had many children. He controlled the heavens and showered humans with foul weather if he was angered.

- _____ 6. She was the beautiful goddess of love and beauty who at one time was associated with agriculture and gardening. Legend has her being born from sea foam. Her son, Cupid, shot arrows into humans to make them fall in love.

- _____ 7. He was the violent son of Jupiter and Juno. He was the god of war and was worshipped by soldiers before every battle.

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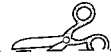
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